Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Is it a supplementary question? What I can say is I want notice.

Midwives from among the Depressed Classes.

59. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of midwives, if any, trained from among the Depressed Classes so far;

(b) the number among them employed by the Government;

(c) whether the Government are taking any steps to get them (women from the Depressed Classes) trained in nursing the sick and in midwifery; and if no steps have yet been taken, whether they propose to take steps in this direction hereafter;

(2) will the Government kindly place on the Table statistics showing the number of deaths among the Depressed Classes during the last 3 years for want of proper nursing during sickness and due to the absence of trained midwives to give timely aid in maternity cases?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) (a) Eighty-eight.

(b) Four.

(c) Government will be glad to encourage them if candidates with the requisite qualification are forthcoming.

(2) Information not available.

Conditions essential for the good Government of Indian States.

60. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the attention of the Government been drawn to the advice given by His Excellency the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, to the Chamber of Princes that for the good Government of the Indian States security of tenure of public services and Independent Judiciary are essential conditions (para 50 of the Butler Committee Report);

(2) if so, what steps have the Government taken to see that these conditions are fulfilled;

(3) were not executive and judicial officers exchanged in the Government service during the last 2 years?

(4) if so, the names of such officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) These conditions already exist in the State.

(3) Yes.

(4) Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.
„ V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.
„ U. Kandar Menon.

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